

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
December 18, 2006

YOR920030455US1  
Serial No. 10/720,564

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7, 13 – 16, 18 – 20 and 28 remain in the application. Claims 28, 18 and 19 stand allowed. Claims 8 – 11 and 21 – 27 are previously canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 12 is canceled herein. Claims 1, 13 and 20 are amended herein. No new matter is added.

Claim 1 is amended to include recitations substantially as recited in previously canceled claim 17 and so is believed to encompass patentable subject matter and so, allowable. Further, claim 12 is canceled and claims 13 and 20 are amended to depend from claim 28. Claim 16 is amended for grammar. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests independent consideration of claims 1 – 7, 13 – 16 and 20 and allowance of the application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles W. Peterson, Jr.  
Registration No. 34,406

December 18, 2006  
(Date)

Customer No. 33233  
Law Office of Charles W. Peterson, Jr.  
11703 Bowman Green Dr, Suite 100  
Reston, VA 20190  
Telephone: (703) 481-0532  
Facsimile: (703) 659-1485